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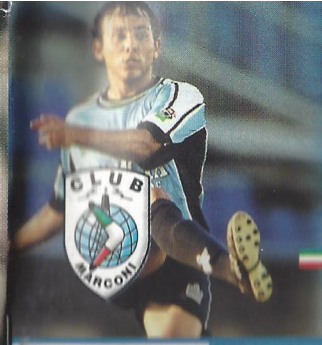

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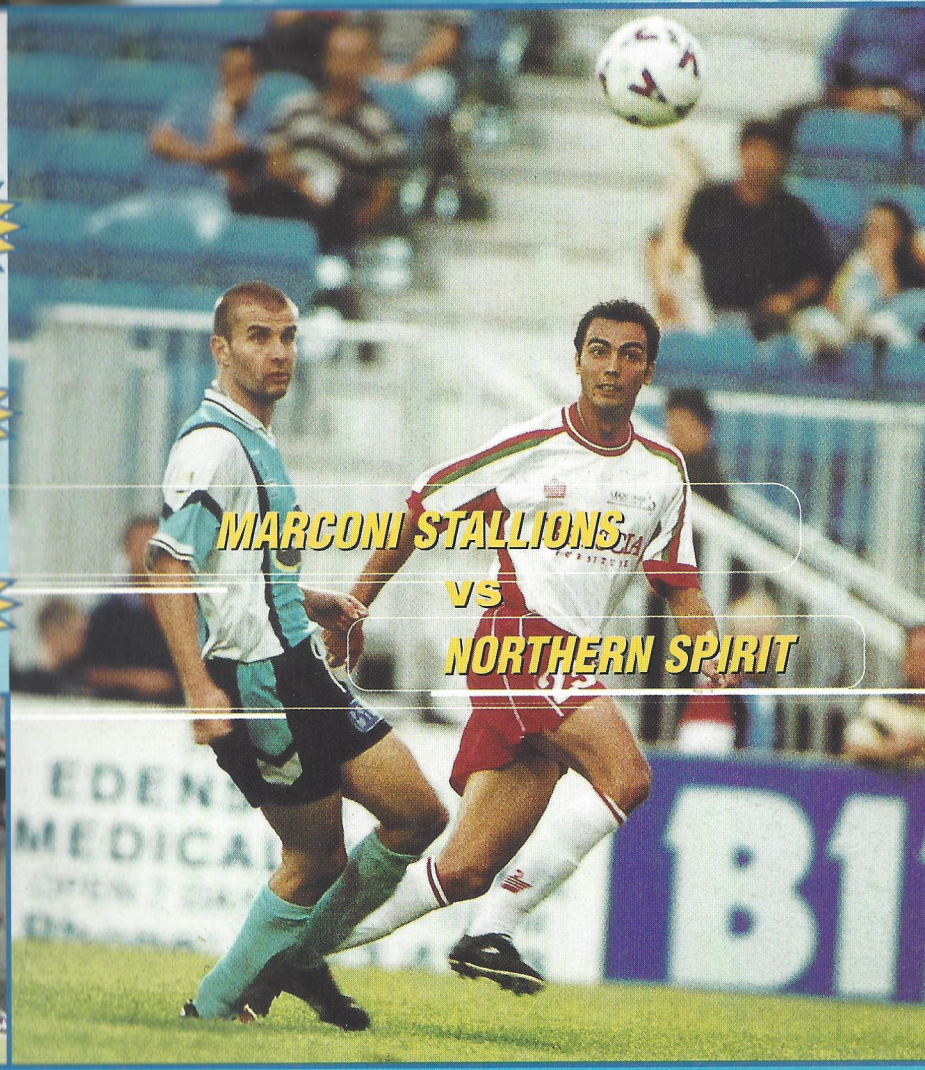

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Liverpool v Everton, Juventus v Milan, Rangers v Celtic, Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur, and tonight, our Australian equivalent...Marconi Stallions v Northern Spirit.

In the remarkably short period of Spirit's existence, a tremendous passionate rivalry has emerged between the two clubs.

The players feel it, the supporters fuel it and the media highlight it.

Outside of semi final and finals, derby games are what raise the adrenalin and capture the imagination of even the most experienced and cynical football follower.

Three years down the track, no longer are meetings between Spirit and Marconi referred to so often as "the new kids on the block" (Spirit) against "one of the traditional clubs" (Marconi), as they were in the early days of our visitor's existence.

While Spirit started their existence in a blaze of publicity and attracted huge crowds to their home games at the quaint North Sydney Oval, the sometimes harsh reality of existence in the National Soccer League has resulted in many of their early supporters being posted missing on match nights.

A change of ownership has also ensued, with Scottish giants Rangers now having a controlling interest in the club, and although Rangers have tended to dominate football proceedings over the years in their native Scotland, Spirit supporters have yet to see that domination transfer itself from Ibrox Stadium and manifest itself at North Sydney Oval.

So while it may sound strange to describe a relatively new club thus, Spirit are very much the 'sleeping giants' of Australian football.

With Rangers undoubted financial resources behind them, and the evidence that thousands WILL turn out to support them if they are successful not in any doubt, it is only a matter of time before the missing ingredient – success on the park – follows.

And success on the park is something that our rivals from North Sydney will desperately be seeking to achieve tonight, as anything other than a victory for them will go close to ending their top six hopes for this season.

Similarly, a Marconi victory will result in the three points that will help consolidate our place in the top six, while a defeat will leave us looking over our shoulders, and only serve to increase the pressure on our players as the weeks count down to semi final time.

And so the scene is set for what should be a titanic tussle between the two sides, with home town pride at stake as well as three very valuable points, and while the term "played in a cup final style" is in danger of entering the 'encyclopedia of cliches,' it is probably an apt description of what we are about to see.

We welcome our visitors from Northern Spirit, and I trust that irrespective of the score tonight, the real winners from the fierce but friendly rivalry that exists between our two clubs, will be the spectators, who hopefully will witness another passionate derby encounter.

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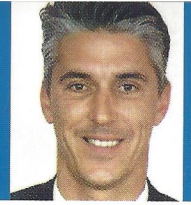


emphasising eddie

It would be nice if I could say here, as we approach round 24, that our spot in the top six was assured, but a quick glance at the league table suggests that it may be a few weeks before we can boast that.

Our 1-0 defeat by the Football Kingz in Wellington was well received by a couple of other NSL sides, who still cling to play off ambitions, and have climbed the ladder to be within striking distance of a semi final place over the past few weeks.

It is entirely up to us now to finish strongly and cement a position in the top six, and with three home games and three to be played away, I'm looking for maximum points from the home encounters and a share of the points when we travel.

While realistically, a top two spot appears to be a very big ask, it is entirely up to our own endeavors to ensure a semi final place, and once in the top six, I honestly believe that we are capable of beating any of the other sides when it really matters.

It is disappointing that over the season we have probably lost close to ten points due to conceding very late goals, and while the concentration may have been missing in some of those games, that certainly wasn't the case last week, when yet another goal in the last five minutes saw us come home empty handed.

The team played with a tremendous amount of character in New Zealand, and although naturally disappointed to lose, I feel that the players gave their all, and can't be criticised.

The loss of Mark Babic with a broken nose made it difficult for us and although we re-organised ourselves, unfortunately it was the Kingz who managed to get the only goal of the match, when most neutrals in attendance will tell you that it could just as easily have been us.

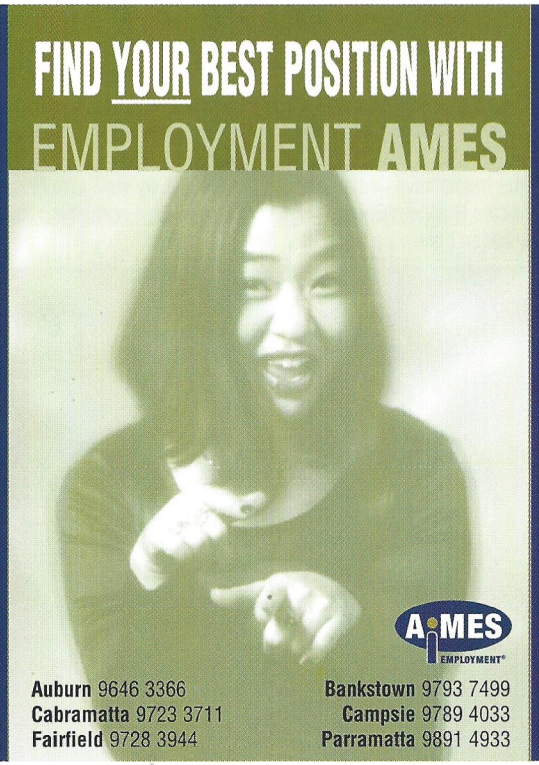
That's football though, and while we may learn from past games, our focus is certainly on the current contest. Northern Spirit visit Marconi Stadium probably under more pressure than we are, as it really is a case of 'do or die' for them.

Anything less than a victory for them tonight will mean that their flickering hopes of a top six spot will all but be extinguished, and I expect them to provide a strong challenge.

Spirit have yet to beat us at Marconi Stadium, and while history may be on our side, we will need to play to our full ability tonight if we are to be sure of adding another very important three points to our tally.

Finally, if I may take the opportunity as Dominic Longo has done in his column to pay tribute to outgoing Deputy Football Manager, Ross Musso.
Ross has been a good friend, as well as a great help over the past two years, and I wish him well in whatever he now decides to turn his hand to.

Ross accompanied us to Wellington last week, but it would be nice if we could say 'goodbye' on a winning note by capturing the three points on offer tonight.



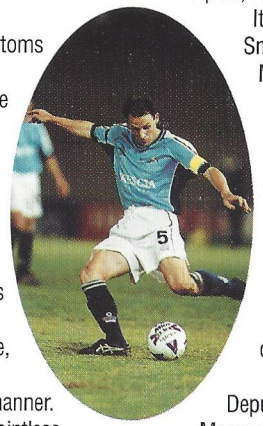
the armband talks

Captain of the Marconi Stallions 2000/2001 National Soccer League squad, Dominic Longo offers readers his views and insights on our team's progress throughout the 2000/2001 season exclusively for "Marconi Football".

Last week we broke new ground at Marconi when we flew to Wellington in New Zealand to take on the Football Kingz.

The Kingz usually play in Auckland, and while we have played them there several times, the switch to the New Zealand capital meant that it was another first for the Marconi history books.

Unfortunately we didn't return through customs with any points, losing 1-0 to a very late goal. It was one of those games that could hardly be described as a football classic, and with both teams showing total commitment, there was never going to be a lot of goals scored. Chances were few and far between for both sides, but unfortunately, the Kingz popped up with four minutes to go to score the winner.



Whether it is scored in the last five minutes or the first five minutes, a goal still counts the same, and while we lost to a late goal this time, we secured a victory the week before against Eastern Pride with a goal scored in a similar manner.

It was though, disappointing to fly home pointless, and the players are aware as anyone that three points would have been very handy, given there is a late challenge by a few sides who see a possibility of sneaking into fifth or sixth spot.

Although some sections of the media have written off the top six hopes of tonight's visitors Northern Spirit, I know that their players certainly haven't given up hope of making the play offs. Spirit are a very proud outfit who on their day can beat any side in the competition, and I'm sure tonight's derby will be a fiercely contested one. The three points are critical to both sides, and with the likes of former Stallions Matt Bingley and Mike Smith in their squad, I'm sure there will be that touch of added spice.

It will certainly be a strange feeling for Mike Smith to sit in the visitors dressing room at Marconi Stadium after all the service he gave to Marconi, and knowing Smudger, I'm sure he will relish the challenge. But irrespective of whether it is a local derby or not, or the fact that ex team mates are now playing for the opposition, the number one thing that is focused in our minds is that there are three very important points up for grabs, and we intend to do whatever is necessary to make them ours, and by doing so, consolidate our position in the top six.

Finally, I'd just like to welcome former Deputy Football Manager Ross Musso, back to Marconi Stadium in his new role of…Marconi fan. All the players appreciated Ross's good deeds when he worked in the soccer office, and he finished his official duties while accompanying the team to Wellington last week.

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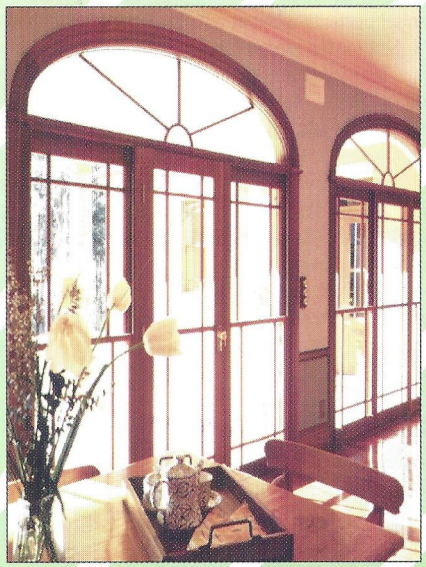

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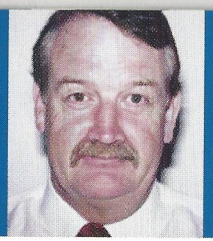

the sideline view

with Fred (Forza) Legget

MARCONI STALLIONS feel the passion

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

It is amazing how the 'revolving door' in football keeps turning.

While preparing this evening's Marconi Football, I picked up the Spirit v Marconi game from just over a year ago, March 10th 2000 to be precise, and was amazed at the 'player turnover' rate.

The Spirit programme listed 22 Stallion players that night, and out of that 22 a staggering 10 are no longer currently playing with the Stallions.

Just for the record the players mentioned that night who have moved on are, Chad Gibson, Darren McDonald , Sean Babic, Brad Maloney, Mike Smith, Danny Invincibile, Pierluigi Di Gia, Alex Duric, Francis Awaritefe, and Paolo Marcheseni.

Some like Mike Smith and Francis Awaritefe have made only a short hop to fellow Sydney clubs, while others like Chad Gibson(Norway) and Danny Invincibile(England) are half a world away.

Spirit too, have representation on the 'posted overseas' list, with former Marconi favourite Luke Casserley's name appearing in the same programme. Luke is now plying his trade in Sweden.

It will be interesting to check the names appearing in tonight's line-ups, come March 2002.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK MUM

There are a few Spirit players who have seen service in a Marconi jersey. Gabriel Mendez, Matt Bingley and Mike Smith have all graced the Marconi turf at some stage of their career with the popular Mike Smith being the latest player to cross the Harbour Bridge.

'Smudger' was a good servant to Marconi, and to this day remains popular with the supporters.

Changing clubs is always a time of mixed emotions, with the excitement of a fresh challenge tinged with the sadness of leaving behind good friends, and fond memories.

In Mike's case though, when it was time to leave Marconi and join Spirit he was left with one nagging doubt in his mind.

Coming from Scotland, and with his whole family being Celtic fanatics, just how could he tell them that he was joining a club who played with Rangers badge on their jersey!?

It will be interesting in the club after the game to catch up with Smudger and hear how he broke the news to his family in Scotland, and more importantly, to find out if they are still on speaking terms!

PULL THE OTHER ONE FIFA

The FIFA lawmakers have, it must be said, introduced changes to the laws of the game over recent years that have enhanced to a large degree the spectacle on the park.

The elimination of the pass back to the goalkeeper, and the introduction of "time added on" have I believe, benefited the game from a spectator's point of view.

I wish I could say the same about the introduction of the "passive offside' ruling, but I admit to being totally and comprehensively baffled by the inconsistency of several interpretations I have witnessed in regard to this! Generally though the men from FIFA get it right when they tinker with the law, clamp down on this, relax penalties on that etc.

However, I believe they have squibbed it totally when they recently decided NOT to implement the suggestion that there should be an automatic yellow card given for pulling an opponent's jersey.

It is sadly, almost endemic in today's game, and shirt tuggers even seem to be able to do it in the penalty box, a yard from some referees, and go unpunished.

There is nothing more frustrating than being pulled back unfairly, and I for one think that FIFA should have implemented the automatic yellow card for this offence rather than chose not to.

The NSL in particular seems to suffer greatly from shirt pullers, and sadly it almost accepted by some as now being 'part and parcel of the game.'

Hopefully, despite FIFA's decision not to clamp down on it, referees in Australia will at least try to control it.

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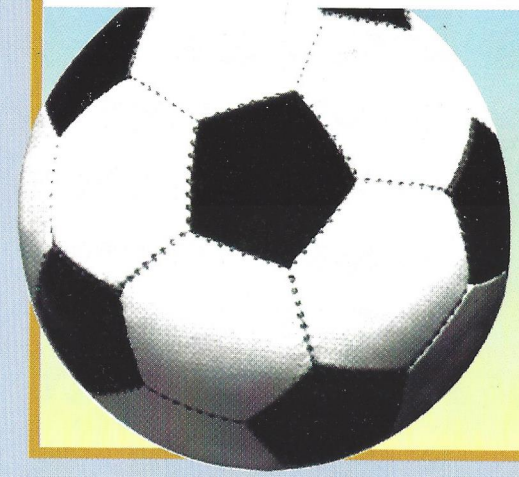

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8	H	Kingz F.C.	3-1	3,087	P	I	P	P	P	#	PS	#	I	SP	P	I	I	P	PS2	SP	#	I	SP	B	P	P1	YL	YL	Cltn	#	P			#
9	A	Northern Spirit	0-0	6,251	P	I	PS	P	P	#	P	SP	I	PS	X	I	I	P	PS	SP	#	YL	SP	B	P	P	YL	YL	Cltn	#	P			#
10	H	Adelaide City Force	0-2	2,981	P	SP	I	P	P	P	P	SP	YL	#	PS	#	I	P	PS	SP	#	#	I	B	P	P	#	YL	#	#	PS			#
11	A	Perth Glory	0-1	13,813	P	P	I	P	P	PS	P1	P	YL	SP	PS	YL	I	P	I	SP	YL	I	SP	B	P	P	#	YL	#	#	YL			#
12	H	Carlton-BYE	3-0	N/A	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#			#
13	H	Newcastle Breakers	2-2	3,818	P	#	YL	P	P	P	PS	PS1	SP	SP	P	#	I	P	#	#	#	I	SP	B	P	PS	#	#	P1	#	YL			#
14	A	Melbourne Knights	1-4	4,287	P	#	P	P	P	P	PS	#	#	SP	P1	#	I	P	SP1	#	YL	YL	P	B	X	PS	SP	#	PS2	#	YL			#
15	H	Brisbane Strikers	2-1	4,025	P	#	P	P	I	P	PS	#	YL	SP	PS	#	I	P	SP	#	YL	YL	P	B	P	P1	SP	YL	P1	#	YL			#
16	H	Parramatta Power	2-1	3,515	P	#	PS	P	P1	P	#	#	X	#	PS	SP1	I	P	PS	#	SP	#	P	B	SP	P	P	YL	#	#	YL			#
17	A	Canberra Cosmos	1-2	1,822	P	#	I	P	P	P	P	#	X	B	PS	SP	I	P	PS1	#	SP	#	P	B	P	P1	I	YL	#	#	YL			#
18	H	Wollongong Wolves	1-3	3,712	P	#	SP	P	P	P	PS	#	SP	#	PS	#	I	X	P1	#	#	#	P	Rp	P	P	SP	Via	P	Via	Rp			Via
19	A	South Melbourne	6-1	6,321	P	#	I	P	P	I	P	#	#	#	PS	SP1	I	P	SP	#	SP	#	PS	Rp	P	P	PS	Via	P	Via	Rp			Via
20	H	Sydney United	5-2	5,420	P	#	I	P	P	P	P	#	SP	SP	P	I	I	PS	SP1	#	P1	#	I	Rp	P	P1	YL	YL	P2	YL	Rp			B
21	A	Sydney Olympic	1-0	6,688	P	#	YL	P	P	P	PS	#	SP	PS	P	YL	I	I	SP	#	P	#	I	Rp	P	P	YL	YL	PS	SP	Rp			B
22	H	Eastern Pride	2-1	2,917	P	#	P1	P	X	I	SP	#	#	PS	I	SP	I	P	SP	#	P1	#	P	YL	P	PS	PS	YL	P	YL	YL			B
23	A	Kingz F.C.	1-0	13,111	P	#	PS	P	P	I	P	#	SP	YL	SP	SP	I	P	PS	#	P	#	P	B	P	PS	YL	YL	X	YL	X			#
24	H	Northern Spirit				#						#										#												
25	A	Adelaide City Force				#						#										#												
26	H	Perth Glory				#						#										#												
27	A	Carlton	0-3	N/A	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
28	A	Newcastle Breakers				#						#										#												
29	H	Melbourne Knights				#						#										#												
30	A	Brisbane Strikers				#						#										#												
2000/2001 Season Matches					21	8	10	21	19	9	15	11	11	15	17	7	6	19	15	5	12	0	18	0	16	16	6	1	7	1	3			0
2000/2001 Season Goals					0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	0			0
Total Marconi Stallion Matches					37	68	80	21	133	63	15	83	11	15	90	7	6	70	15	20	12	96	137	29	16	80	146	4	8	1	4			0
Total Marconi Stallion Goals					0	9	2	1	4	4	1	3	0	0	8	2	1	1	5	3	2	13	11	0	0	20	15	0	6	0	0			0
Total N.S.L Matches					37	84	232	154	179	63	52	83	183	15	90	7	28	72	15	27	302	143	175	29	16	257	146	4	105	1	4			0
Total N.S.L Goals					0	10	4	1	6	4	1	3	52	0	8	2	1	1	5	8	46	19	15	0	0	64	15	0	37	0	0			0

LEGEND

P: Played	Yellow Card		X: Suspended
YL: Youth League			I: Injured
PS: Substituted	Red Card		Rp: Represented
SP: Substitute On			1 (Bold Number): GOAL

MARCONI STALLIONS vs NORTHERN SPIRIT

Saturday 24th March, 2001

Round 24 – 2000/2001 National Soccer League

STALLIONS SQUAD		SPIRIT SQUAD
ACESKI David	< 1 >	PEROSH John
	< 2 >	CUNICO Michael
BABIC Mark	< 3 >	LANGDON Matthew
COSTANZO Angelo	< 4 >	BINGLEY Matthew
LONGO Dominic	< 5 >	SMITH Mike
KIM Pan-Keun	< 6 >	THOMAS Scott
AFKOS James	< 7 >	SLATER Robbie
	< 8 >	ENES Robbie
TOME Norman	< 9 >	MOREIRA Alex
MAISANO John	< 10 >	MENDEZ Gabriel
CARE Christian	< 11 >	CRANNEY Troy
RADULOVIC Sasa	< 12 >	BURGESS Ben
BOVE Raphael	< 13 >	MOSS Phil
FARAH Buddy	< 14 >	SPENCER Noel
BROWNLIE Royce	< 15 >	PERINICH Tony
KARL Harry	< 16 >	CATANZARO Simon
GIBSON John	< 17 >	FEENEY Lee
	< 18 >	WATKINS Daniel
RENAUD Brendan	< 19 >	GRIFFITHS Ryan
TURNBULL Michael	< 20 >	HENDERSON Paul
BELL Simon	< 21 >	GRIFFITHS Adam
TRAJANOVSKI Kris	< 22 >	SOBCZYK Jack
ZORIC Vlado	< 23 >	SNYDER Adam
JUNIOR SAUTURAGA Josaia	< 24 >	FARIA Tony
THOMPSON Archie	< 25 >	FOSTER Craig
BRODIE Todd	< 26 >	SCHIRRIPA Joseph
LAST Grant	< 27 >	
	< 28 >	CROOK Ian
	< 29 >	MACRAE Todd
SCHWARZER Daniel	< 30 >	
EDDIE KRNCEVIC	**< COACH >**	**MICK HICKMAN**

PREVIOUS THREE LEAGUE MEETINGS

RE: NORTHERN SPIRIT

8th December, 2000	-	Round 9 (2000/2001 N.S.L.):	AWAY DRAW	0 - 0
2nd April, 2000	-	Round 28 (1999/2000 N.S.L.):	HOME WIN	3 - 2
10th March, 1999	-	Round 25 (1999/2000 N.S.L.):	AWAY LOSS	2 - 1

2000/2001 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

As at End of Round 23 – 18th March, 2001

Position	TEAMS	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	BYE ROUND	HOME	AWAY	PAST 4 RESULTS	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED	POINTS	GOAL DIFFERENCE	SELF UPDATE POINTS	SELF UPDATE POSITION
1	South Melbourne	23	13	5	3	2	8-2-0	5-3-3	LWLW	48	18	50	+ 30		
2	Sydney Olympic	23	13	4	4	2	7-2-1	6-2-3	DWWW	44	23	49	+ 21		
3	Wollongong Wolves	22	12	5	3	2	8-2-1	5-2-2	DWLW	60	31	47	+ 29		
4	Perth Glory	23	12	7	3	1	9-2-1	3-5-2	WDWW	60	30	46	+ 30		
5	Marconi Stallions	23	10	5	7	1	6-2-3	4-3-4	WLWL	36	30	38	+ 6		
6	Melbourne Knights	23	10	4	8	1	6-2-3	4-2-5	WWLD	45	37	37	+ 8		
7	Adelaide City Force	22	9	3	9	1	4-2-4	5-1-5	DWWL	39	43	33	- 4		
8	Sydney United	23	7	5	9	2	5-3-2	2-2-7	LLLW	34	42	32	- 8		
9	Kingz F.C.	23	6	6	9	2	4-3-3	2-3-6	LDDW	34	34	30	0		
10	Northern Spirit	23	6	5	10	2	3-3-5	3-2-5	WDLL	33	32	29	+ 1		
11	Parramatta Power	23	8	2	12	1	4-0-6	4-1-6	WLLL	32	38	29	- 6		
12	Canberra Cosmos	23	6	4	11	2	3-2-5	3-2-6	LWWL	34	36	28	- 2		
13	Brisbane Strikers	23	6	6	10	1	5-3-2	1-3-8	LWWL	39	43	27	- 4		
14	Newcastle United	23	3	8	11	1	3-1-7	0-7-4	LLLL	24	46	20	- 22		
15	Eastern Pride	23	2	5	14	2	1-5-5	1-0-9	LLLD	28	38	17	- 10		

BYE ROUND = 3-0 VICTORY (Plus... 3 points)

OTHER ROUND 24 MATCHES

Fri 23-03-01	Newcastle United	Vs	Perth Glory	at Marathon Stadium
Fri 23-03-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	South Melbourne	at WIN Stadium
Fri 23-03-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Sydney United	at Bruce Stadium
Sun 25-03-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Eastern Pride	at Ballymore
Sun 25-03-01	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Kingz F.C.	at Knights Stadium
Sun 25-03-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Sydney Olympic	at Parramatta Stadium

BYE ROUND - Adelaide City Force

Sun 25-03-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	at Hindmarsh Stadium*

**Rescheduled From Round 15*

NEXT HOME MATCH

MARCONI STALLIONS VS PERTH GLORY
SATURDAY 7TH APRIL, 2001
KICK OFF: 7:00PM

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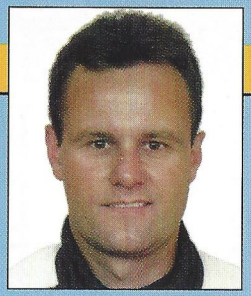
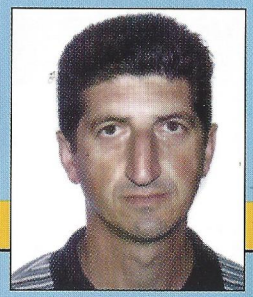


with

Jean Paul De Marigny (Youth Coach)

and

Sam D'Alessandro (Colts Coach)



YOUTH TEAM

Our Round 22 match against Newcastle United Colts was cancelled due to heavy rain, and at the time of this magazine going to print we were preparing for the rescheduled match to be played on Wednesday 21st March.

Round 23 saw us pitted against NSWIS away from home at Valentine Park. Considering that we had possession for 80% of the game, our result of 2-1was a disappointing one. It was however pleasing to see how many opportunities we created, but unfortunately could not convert our chances.

I am sure that our team has the character to bounce back from the loss, and with a heavy schedule in front of us leading into finals time, I am remain extremely confident of us cementing a place in the top four.

COLTS TEAM

Our Round 22 game against Parramatta Power was also cancelled due to heavy rain, so we have only played the one match since the last edition of Marconi Football.

Round 23 saw us host Canberra Cosmos here at Marconi Stadium and our boys put on a wonderful display which saw us take the three valuable points and a 4-2 result.

The immense talent our boys possess has really been coming to the fore over recent weeks and the boys' season is really shaping up toward the final run into the play offs. The boys still have a lot to learn but I am confident that they are capable of making the step up to Youth next season.

On behalf of the team and everyone at Marconi, I would like to wish one of our star players Rodney Madigan every success in making the final cut for the Australian U17's Joeys squad. On Monday 19th March, Rodney joined the final training camp to be held before selection is announced.

MARCONI YOUTH SQUAD

1 Daniel SCHWARZER (GK)
2 Todd BRODIE
3 Anthony HARTSHORN
4 Saso TRAJCEVSKI
5 Steve BOZINOSKI
6 Ryan MANENTE
7 Frank DE ROIT
8 Marco MAISANO
9 Grant LAST
10 Kevo GULESSERIAN
11 Anthony MONDELLO
12 Erick ANABALON
13 Nathan RIVERA
14 Aaron BENNETT
15
16 Daniel LETTIERI
17 Josaia S.JUNIOR
18 Luke FLYNN
19 Michael BEAUCHAMP
20 Matthew NASH (GK)
21 Overage Player
22 Overage Player
23 Overage Player
24 Overage Player

- *A maximum of four (4) overage players permitted per match*
- *Eligible aged players must be born after 1st January, 1981*

2000/2001 NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

As at end of Round 23 – 18th March, 2001

*National Youth League Draw: Courtesy Soccer Australia

Position	TEAMS	PLAYED	BYE	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED	POINTS
1	A.I.S.	22	1	18	3	1	62	22	57
2	Parramatta Power	21	1	14	2	5	60	30	44
3	MARCONI STALLIONS	18	1	12	2	4	41	14	39
4	Northern Spirit	21	2	12	3	6	46	29	39
5	Newcastle United	20	1	11	3	6	39	24	36
6	Wollongong Wolves	20	2	10	5	5	42	21	35
7	Q.A.S	23	1	10	1	12	37	54	31
8	MARCONI STALLIONS COLTS	19	2	10	0	9	42	33	30
9	Sydney Olympic	20	2	9	3	8	46	40	30
10	N.S.W.I.S	22	2	9	3	10	29	45	30
11	Sydney United	22	2	9	1	12	40	43	28
12	Canberra Cosmos	21	2	7	3	11	42	42	24
13	Sydney Olympic Academy	21	1	3	5	13	28	47	14
14	Newcastle United Colts	19	2	2	0	16	12	51	6
15	A.C.T.A.S	22	1	1	2	19	11	79	5

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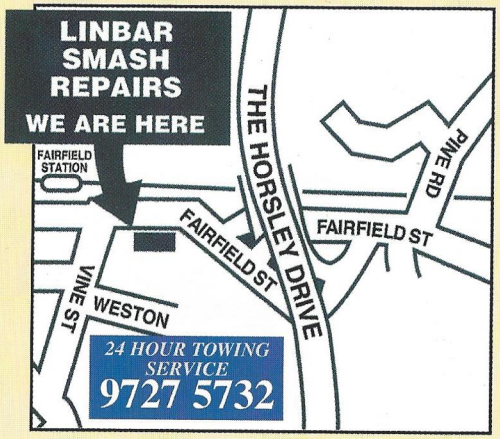

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Scottish comedian Billy Connelly is currently visiting Sydney, filming his new movie titled, *"The Man Who Sued God."* Billy's wit is not that far removed from his fellow countryman, the late Bill Shankly, the legendary manager of Liverpool. In fact many Liverpool followers treated Shankly as if he was a God!

Lifted from the Liverpool Supporters website, here is a sample of his famous one liners…

- *"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that."*
- *"If a player is not interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage, then he should be."*
- Addressing former Liverpool 'hard man' Tommy Smith… *"You son, you could start a riot in a graveyard."*
- *"If Everton were playing at the bottom of the garden, I'd pull the curtains."*
- On the day he signed fellow Scot Ian St John, *"Son, you'll do well here as long as you remember two things. Don't over-eat and don't lose your accent."*
- *"The trouble with referees is that they know the rules, but they don't know the game."*
- To a translator when being surrounded by Italian journalists after a European match…*"Just tell them I completely disagree with everything they say!"*
- A scout told Shanks about a young player who he'd given a trial at Liverpool… *"He has football in his blood"* the disappointed scout complained. *"You might be right"* Shankly said, *"but it hasn't reached his legs yet!"*
- Talking to a Liverpool trainee… *"The problem with you son, is that your brains are in your head."*
- After a hard fought 1-1 draw…. *"The best side drew!"*
- On former Derby and Nottingham Forest manager Brain Clough…….. *"He's worse than rain in Manchester, at least the rain in Manchester stops occasionally!"*

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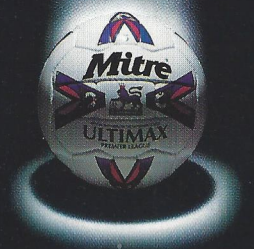

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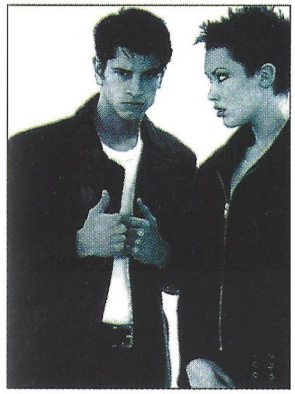

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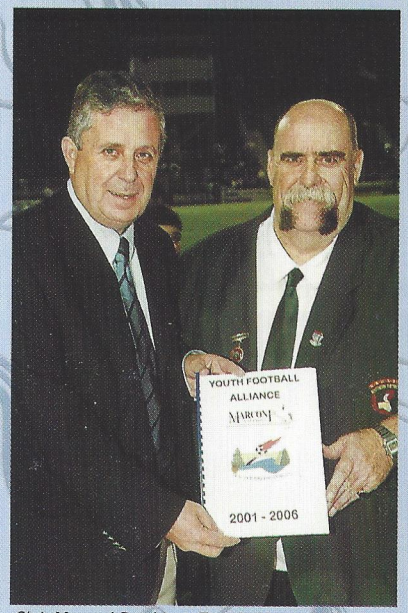
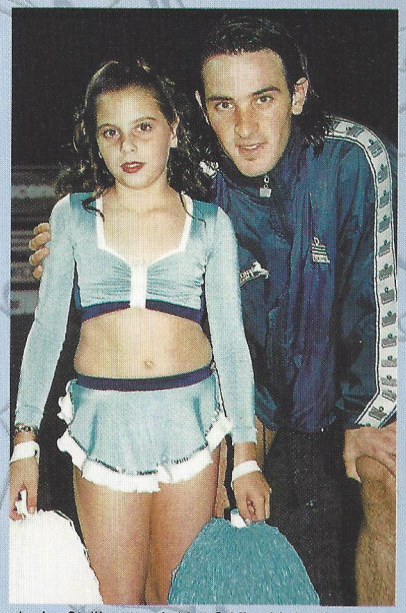
Round 22
Saturday 10th March, 2001 at Marconi Stadium
Marconi Stallions 2 - Eastern Pride 1



Club Marconi President, Tony Labbozzetta & Southern Districts Association President, Larry Grant, after signing the Youth Football Alliance



Junior Stallionette, Ashley Oddi, with her favourite player Angelo Costanzo at the game versus Eastern Pride.

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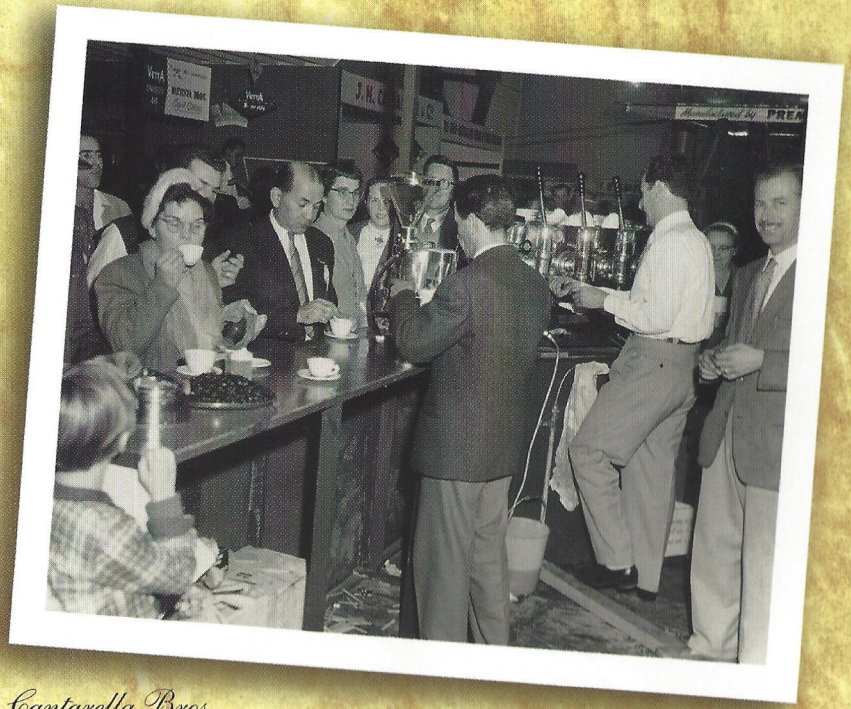

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